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TAU BETA PI PRESENTS IDEA IN FULL

Endorsed By Faculty And Has Chapters In All Leading Institutions

The following is a brief account of the honorary engineering society known as Tau Beta Pi, telling what it is, the reasons for its existence, and the field that it covers.

The reasons for the existence of such a society can be set forth very briefly as follows. The technical student necessarily works under a very high pressure. The work is very extensive and carried over only four years of time, and as time goes on, the amount of work that it is necessary for a student to take increases until it has become a problem how to teach students as much as it is necessary to teach them, and do it in four years. The tendency of all this is to make the technical students narrow and of one idea. They will spend most of their time in study and very little time in anything else; very little time, for instance, in working in their engineering societies, or mingling together or in any of those things which go to make a social life in general.

Then every student who graduates gets exactly the same diploma. A good student gets the same diploma as the poor one, and there is nothing about it which in any way distinguishes the diploma of the good student from that of the poor one.

It seems desirable to have some means of distinguishing the best students in a class. Further, some common meeting ground between faculty and students is desirable. In fact, this last was one of the prime reasons for the establishment of the society.

It is intended to be an undergraduate organization, but there are various faculty members, of course, and in all the institutions in which there are chapters they take considerable interest in the doings of Tau Beta Pi and are present at the meetings with the students on common ground.

It might almost be said to be a clearing house between faculty and students. It helps to do away with the lack of sympathy which is often in evidence between them. It helps them to understand each other and gives the student a much better idea of the faculty. The various engineering societies that are organized in most institutions do not generally accomplish this end. They are nearly all of them entirely given over to undergraduate activities. They are independent of any other society, purely local in their character, and there is a lack of continuity from year to year. Some years, when energetic men are active among the membership, they will be very useful, and at other times when the management is rather inefficient, the society will become very slack, and the members will get very little good out of it.

In an organization, however, of this type, there is a decided advantage in having more or less of the element of secrecy about it. The idea of this society is not to make it a secret society in a narrow and restricted sense.

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New York, March 7.—A dash for the south pole in the Roosevelt, with Capt. Bartlett in command, is the prospect for August next held out by the National Geographic Society in the appeal it has just issued for \$50,000 to supplement the \$10,000 already given by Commander Peary and an unstated sum recently guaranteed by the Peary Arctic Club.

TECHNIQUE 1911 FEELING ITS WAY

A Conservative Board Strives To Bring Out Class Annual Free Of Debt

Technique is in considerable of a quandary in regard to the number of books which they shall order printed. Up to date the number signed for has exceeded expectations considering that there is still over a month before the books is issued. The original intention of the board was to have an edition of 1000 books printed. Although present indications would seem to show that at least 1200 books could be used, the board have decided not to risk their personal funds as has been done in the past years, by ordering more books printed than they are absolutely sure can be used.

Under the advice of Mr. Litchfield of the Technology Review, and of Mr. M. R. Scharff, business manager of Technique 1909, the following conservative statement of books accounted for to date is published with the idea of showing to the student body just how matters stand:

Books signed and on file in office,	652
Expected from professors, instructors, etc. (last year 120)	75
Copies to advertisers,	90
Complimentary:	
Members of board, 3 each	60
Technique Rush,	5
Professors (President, Dean, Mrs. Rogers, etc.),	5
Prizes (histories, grinds, art, etc.),	20
Books already paid for, cards given out,	20
Cards signed up and not yet filed in office (estimate low),	50
Total books accounted for,	977
Edition planned,	1000
Difference,	23

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LACK OF INTEREST

Owing to a lack of interest or an ignorance that the nominations closed on Saturday, only four nominations were received for the several offices of the Mechanical Engineering Society. The men nominated for chairman, Morell MacKenzie 1911, N. S. Seeley 1910, for secretary, M. D. Price 1911 and Foster Russell 1911.

It was announced Saturday afternoon that nominations would be received until Monday at 4 P. M., in order that there may be officers for the remaining positions. The vacancies to be filled at this time are those of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, and two members of the governing committee from the junior class and one from the sophomore class. The elections will be held at the banquet Tuesday evening. However, if members in good standing who desire to vote and cannot go to the dinner, will leave their names with A. P. Truette, Secretary, they will be given ballots due at the Cage before the dinner.

The banquet will be held at the Boston Civic Club at 6.30 P. M. Tickets are \$1.50.

On Saturday the Course VI issue will be published. There are many surprises in it. It will be a record breaker.

T. C. A. COUNCIL ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

Reorganization Means Broader Field of Work—Future Is Bright

At its meeting yesterday afternoon in the Union the T. C. A. council acted upon the final draft of the Constitution. On Wednesday evening after the usual dinner the future plans of the Association will be discussed by the alumni, faculty and students. The constitution in part is as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be Technology Christian Association.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this organization shall be to unite all Christian men of the Institute into one vigorous body, with the purpose of promoting the moral and spiritual welfare of the undergraduate.

ARTICLE III.

Membership in this organization shall consist of all men, either present or former students of the Institute, faculty or instructors or members of the Advisory Board of T. C. A., who having properly signified their desire for membership, shall have been elected by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any meeting, and who shall fulfill the requirements of membership; to wit:

Sec. 2. Membership shall require approval and support of the objects of the Association above state, and signature to the following:

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THIRTY TAKE EXAMS.

Thirty architectural students, the greater number from the Institute and the others from the various ateliers in Boston, took the Beaux Arts Paris Prize Competition Saturday from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

The subject this year was a monument in a public park, to be seen from one side only, and to be backed by shrubbery and trees. The problem permitted the students to expand to give the greatest latitude to their imagination, which resulted in many charming and original designs.

The twelve hours were speeded along and greatly enlivened by snatches of various songs, from Beethoven's "Symphony in F minor," to "Rings on Her Fingers." Clark betrayed himself by incessantly humming, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." Buffet luncheon was served at 6 P. M. and many of the fellows adjourned at P. P. M.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Thirty-three men took advantage of the fine afternoon Saturday and enjoyed a three and a half mile run through the Back Bay district. Chase Captain Eldred 1911 was in charge of the squal, and only allowed a slow pace. The number of freshmen out was gratifying to those juniors who hope to have them defeat the sophomores in the interclass cross-country run.

This run inaugurated the spring Hare and Hound season for this year, and hereafter runs will be held at various places, Hyde Park, Needham, West Roxbury, Wellesley and other suburban resorts.

The following men were on the run: B. C. Huber 1910, O. V. Chamberlin 1910, R. D. Van Alstine 1911, R. S. Gans 1913, H. G. Watkins 1913, G. S. Sawyer 1912, N. Duffett 1911, P. R. Williamson 1912, P. Hart 1910, B. (Continued on page 3.)

FRESHMEN EASILY DEFEAT LOWELL

Lowell Takes Only Five Third Places And Wins Relay Race—Score 58-10

Lowell Textile was easily defeated Saturday by the freshmen in a dual track meet at Lowell. The final score was 58 to 10. The freshmen took the first two places in every event, and in the 25-yd. dash they captured all the places Lowell won the relay race; this was because the freshmen did not run their regular team, but, as Manager Katzenberger said, "We ran our high-jumpers, half-milers and shot-putters, so as to give them a chance to win."

Capt. Trull took two firsts, the 25-yd. dash and 25-yd. low hurdles; R. D. Sampson, the freshman half-miler, also got ten points, making firsts in the 360-yd and 880-yd runs. As was expected, A. S. Milliken easily carried off first in the mile. R. D. Bonney ran a great mile, and would have finished third, but for the fact that there were no banked corners, making it impossible for him to pass his man. W. N. Eichorn won second in the 25-yd. dash and 25-yd. hurdles. The summary:

25-yd. dash—Won by C. E. Trull, W. N. Eichorn second, H. H. Thompson, third. Time 3s.

25-yd. hurdles—Won by Trull, W. N. Eichorn second, Harrison third. Time 4s.

Mile run—Won by A. S. Milliken. C. W. Brett second, Keough third. Time 4m. 54s.

Quarter-mile run—Won by R. D. Sampson, H. O. Burnham second, Carey third. Time 34 3-5s.

High jump—Won by C. O. Fallon, 5ft. 1in.; C. F. Cairns second, Crane third.

Shotput—Won by N. O. McLeod, 40ft. (Continued on page 3.)

BALLOTS READY

Voting For Technique 1912 Committee Now In Progress

Ballots for the election of the Technique 1912 Electoral Committee have been placed at the Cage. Twenty-five men are to be voted for regardless of the Point System. The Executive Committee of the class states that all ballots must be in by Wednesday noon. No votes are to be counted unless all dues are paid to date. The money can be placed in the envelope at the time of voting if desired. The envelope should be sealed and signed on the outside by the voter. A space is left on the ballot for additional nominations in case any names have been left out. President Eicher requests that the men obtain their ballots at the earliest possible moment and return same to the Cage at once. This year's ballot sheet contains 215 names which is over 100 more than on last year's list.

WIRELESS SOCIETY

The meeting of the Wireless Society which was held last Friday will be called this afternoon at 4.00 P. M. in 11 Eng. B. The main object of the meeting is to discuss the measures presented to activities by the Institute Committee asking for unlimited power in all respects over all organizations and activities. Secretary Woehling states that all men who have any ideas on this question should be on hand for the discussion. The business warrants the full membership of the society.

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The methods of procedure of Technique 1911 are certainly commendable. In past years the various classes have issued their annual paying little or no attention to the actual demand for the books—to come out at the end of the year with a big debt. This is not only bad for the board upon which the financial responsibility is thrown but it does not speak any too well for the general management of the enterprise. There are plenty of statistics at hand covering a long period of years so that the pulse of the student body can be estimated as to the number of books that can be sold during the year. It is no credit to any class to turn out a volume superior possibly to its predecessors with a heavy debt behind it. However considerable credit is due any Board that can issue a good up-to-date book making assets and liabilities balance at the end. Technique 1912 will do well to follow this line of work.

There are still some men in activities who have more than ten points—the maximum allowed by the Point System. Can it be that these men have no respect for the Institute Committee's rulings or are they standing out against general student opinion for spite? What ever the reasons the student body will not long tolerate such actions.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, March 7.—Monday unsettled, probably local rains; moderate south winds.

New England—Monday unsettled, probably local rains; light variable winds, mostly south.

For Boston and Vicinity—Unsettled, probably continued fair. Somewhat warmer. Westerly to southerly winds.

Boston, Mar. 7.—Four firemen were seriously injured in one of the most spectacular fires ever seen in the city, when the New England office building at 200 Summer street was completely destroyed Saturday night, at a loss conservatively estimated at \$500,000.

Three men were caught by falling debris on the third floor, and carried unconscious to the street. Capt. Gerry Gillen of engine seven was struck to the floor by the collapse of part of the floor above. Lieut. Michael T. Teehan of the same company was also slightly injured and rendered unconscious by the smoke, as was Hoseman Cornelius Murphy of engine 28. All three men were rescued with difficulty and rushed to the Grace Hospital.

The fire was discovered at 7.10 and an alarm sounded from box 8. As fast as the chiefs of the department arrived, additional alarms were sounded until, with the fifth, the greatest number of fire wagons seen at a fire for two years were called out.

Fort Monroe, Va., Mar. 7.—After being held up since Monday in a fog bank off Cape Henry, Brazil's new battleship, Mias Geraes, the greatest of Dreadnoughts, entered Hampton Roads. She came from the shipyards of England on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic, via the Azores, encountering mad weather all the way. The waves had washed most of the paint off her hull and had battered away the torpedo shelf half the ship's length.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, Mar. 6.—The postal savings bank bill, the measure for which President Taft has fought incessantly, passed the Senate after amendments had been adopted. The vote was 50 to 22. The Cummings amendment to the bill, confining to "time of war" the investment of postal bank funds in government securities was defeated by a vote of 18 ayes to 40 noes.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of The Tech:—

An article recently appeared in these columns to the effect that Institute teams are becoming "good losers" and content only to hold their opponents to a good score. Evidently its author was not only ignorant of conditions, but also chose to overlook facts.

In connection with the hockey team, it must be remembered that they had only a week of practice which came at the first of the season. Lack of further practice was due to lack of funds which points directly back to lack of student support, rather than a questionable spirit among the members of the team. Furthermore it is to be pointed out that the team, in eight games, won two from club teams and two from college team, and this is not in the least a bad showing against such teams as Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, and West Point; Crescent Hockey Club, Brae-Brun, Loudon Country Club of Albany, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Up to date, the season in Track has been a most successful one. After the cross-country team neatly showed Harvard the fastest way to Technology Field from Highland, they handily placed second in the Intercollegiate race against the pick of the collegiate cross-country teams. Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Michigan, Dartmouth, and Syracuse found the Red and Gray too speedy in that race. The relay team, after a series of accidents and set-backs won from Dartmouth at the B. A. A. games. The two-mile relay won from Tufts in decisive style and lowered the record for that track by over 16 seconds. In that practically unbroken string of victories, the Tech track teams had no chance to show "good spirit as losers."

No college can win in all departments all the time, and it seems as if, on looking honestly at the facts, Technology has been ably represented by her teams this season, and if they have not been entirely successful, the blame lies fully as much with the student body for their lack of support as it does with the different teams.

H. D. BILLINGS,
Mgr. Hockey Team.
H. S. BENSON,
Mgr. Track Team.
W. D. EVERETT,
Mgr. Basket-ball Team.

COMMUNICATION.

Seniors, it's up to you! The Class Day Committee election will come off soon. This is about the more important and final chance that the class will have to show of what it is made. Senior week is the last time the class will get together; the last time that you will see the old familiar faces that have been with you since freshman days. Show that you are up and

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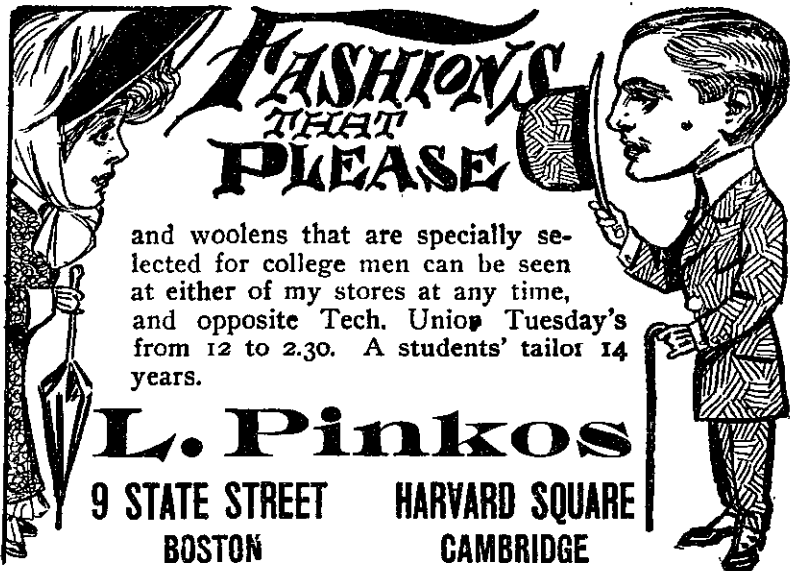
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It can be seen from this statement that there are less than 25 books available from this 1000 edition. Fully as many as 25 men have signified their intention of signing before March 15th, saying that they wished time to decide between the edition-de-luxe and the regular book. The edition-de-luxe is not to be order as extra edition but is included in the 1000 edition.

Under the advice of Mr. Scharff and Mr. Litchfield the board has decided not to order over 1000 books unless there are enough books signed up before March 15th to warrant an additional 100 copies. It is said not more than 100 books will be ordered.

To give every student an opportunity to order a book if he wished to be sure of getting one, Technique will run a card in the advertising columns of the Tech which may be clipped, signed and left at the cage for Technique 1911. The price of the regular edition is \$2.00 and of the de-luxe \$3.50. The de-luxe edition, when not in use, is on exhibition in the case in the small reading room of the Union.

On account of the fact that the Junior Week vacation begins on Friday, April 15th, the date of the rush has been changed from Saturday the 16th to Thursday the 14th. Whether it will be held at 1.00 o'clock or 4.00 has not yet been definitely decided, but it is probable that it will be held at 1.00 P. M.

NOTE—Six more cards have been turned in while this article was being written leaving a balance of 17 books.

FRESHMEN WIN

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4 1-2 in.: K. O. Hamilton, second, Murphy third.

Half-mile run—Won by R. D. Sampson, B. Munch second, W. R. Bylund third. Time 2m. 15s.

Relay race—Textile (Murphy, Keough, Jefferson, Cary.) won from Tech '13 (Thompson, Eichorn, MacLeod, Sampson). Time for 12 laps 2m. 54s.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

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Jones 1910, M. A. Oettinger 1912, W. C. West 1911, J. D. MacKenzie 1911, P. D. Peck 1913, V. O. Ballard 1912, J. L. Drummery 1913, H. D. Horner 1913, S. Mason 1913, J. J. Strachan 1913, R. F. Symonds 1912, K. Cartwright 1912, H. S. Benson 1912, R. L. Comstock 1912, R. M. Ferry 1912, E. C. Howe 1906, C. Goodrich 1912, W. C. H. Stevenson 1913, F. H. Achard 1913, W. L. Whitehead 1913, E. W. DeWitt 1911, C. P. Eldred 1911, E. L. Macdonald 1913, K. V. R. Dey 1913.

For the benefit of the freshmen who are coming out for their cross-country team there will be runs from the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week at 4.15. It is planned to have at least one junior of experience run with the squad to help the new men. Those men who are unable to run on these days should make arrangements with Coach Kanaly about their time for practice.

COMMUNICATION.

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awake. Pay your class dues, and see that your name is on the ballot. Are you going to be looked down upon as one who has not enough push in him or is too lifeless to even wake up at the finish and support his class? Come on, you grinds, make a bluff you're a man anyhow. The dues amount to very little and there is no excuse why any man should not have at least enough spirit to help 1910 live up to its old reputation. In a little more than two months it will be all over but the shouting. Are you going to be there to shout? If so, now is your chance to start.

Lists of men eligible for the ballot are posted in all the main buildings; and those who have paid up all dues will go on the final ballot for the Class Day Committee. Every senior should feel it his duty to help in any way possible make Senior Week a success. This is the last chance we'll have to get in our "licks," so come on, join the merry throng, and we'll all go out in a "blaze of glory." 1910.

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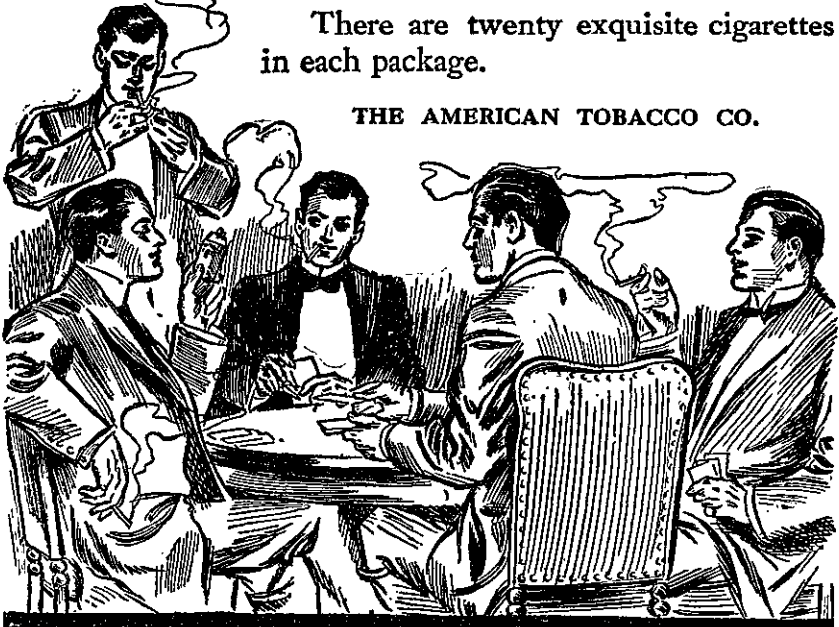


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"Convinced that Christ is our highest
ideal and our greatest inspiration to
manhood; I accept God's will; I accept
my responsibility to Him for mankind
and for self; and I pledge allegiance to
Christ's leadership."**ARTICLE IV. Committees.**Sec. 1. There shall be an Advisory
Board of eight members, who shall be
elected by the preceding Advisory Board
as follows:(a) Two members shall be chosen at
the last regular meeting of each college
year from those men comprising the
alumni and faculty of the Institute, to
hold office for three years. One mem-
ber shall be chosen from men at large
to hold office for one year, subject to re-
election by the Advisory Board. One
member shall be appointed annually by
the Boston Y. M. C. A. New members
shall take office at a banquet of officers
and members of the Association, which
shall be held during the first two weeks
of October, on a date set at the last reg-
ular meeting of the college year preced-
ing.Sec. 4. Standing Committees shall in-
clude: (1) Ways and Means; (2) Mem-
bership; (3) Church Relation; (4) Ex-
tension Work; (5) Publicity; (6) As-
sociation Meetings.**NOTICES**1912 Baseball Candidates—All bat-
tery candidates be at the Gym to meet
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1912.

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Saturdays, at 5 P. M., beginning Satur-
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The element of secrecy is thrown
about it to make it a little different
and to give it something of privacy,
which is, of course, entirely lacking in
the ordinary local students' engineer-
ing society.All these considerations led the
founder of this society, Professor E.
H. Williams, who was of Lehigh Uni-
versity, to start this society in 1885,
just twenty-five years ago. He started
in at Lehigh and then elected various
men, etc., and kept it in running order
for some time himself until the soci-
ety was running well, and he thought
he could turn the government of it
over to others. About eight years after
the founding of the chapter at Lehigh
another chapter was added, and since
then enough more chapters have been
added to make a total enrollment of
twenty-three. The latest chapter to
be added was Cornell University, New
York, on the seventeenth of last Jan-
uary.The list of institutions in which chap-
ters are established is as follows:Lehigh University, Michigan Agricul-
tural College, Purdue University, Ste-
vens Institute of Technology, Univer-
sity of Illinois, University of Wiscon-
sin, Cass School of Applied Science,
Kentucky State College, Columbia Uni-
versity, University of Missouri, Michi-
gan College of Mines, Colorado School
of Mines, University of Colorado, Ar-
mour Institute of Technology, Syracuse
University, University of Michigan,
Missouri School of Mines, University of
California, Iowa State College, Rens-
selaer Polytechnic Institute, University
of Iowa, University of Minnesota, Cor-
nell University. The total membership
of the society numbers at the present
time something like three thousand.This fraternity does not in any way
conflict with the ordinary social fra-
ternity. There is nothing in the pledge
or in the secrets which would bar any
fraternity man from joining the soci-
ety or that will in any way inter-
fere with his social fraternity.Elections to the society are held in
the middle of the third and at the be-
ginning of the fourth year of the col-
lege course. The highest eighth of the
class are eligible under the constitution
at the middle of the third year and the
remainder of the highest fourth at the
beginning of the fourth year. The
method of selection varies in various
institutions, being necessarily different
to accommodate different methods of
grading and different organizations of
courses, etc.The general government of the asso-
ciation is in Executive Council of four
alumni members who, with the excep-
tion of the Secretary, who is a perma-
nent officer, are elected one each year
for a term of three years by the an-
nual convention which is held with one
of the various chapters. Each chapter
has a meeting once each month dur-
ing the college year, at which the
necessary business is transacted, after
which either some form of entertain-
ment is provided or else the members
enjoy a social time.In conclusion, the writer is glad to
say that he has heard many express the
opinion that the society was an influ-
ence for good in every institution in
which it exists, add has yet to hear any
adverse criticism of it or its influence.**Winter Garb****FOR GENTLEMEN**Highest Order of Tailoring, yet
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